THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Discussions are still in progress about leasing/purchasing of Soviet aircraft by Indian Airlines and Air India.

Recovery in shipping industry from recession

1895. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any signs of improvement and recovery in the shipping Industry, which has been experiencing recession in the past decade; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) While there was slight improvement in the international tanker freight market for a short while and certain fluctuating improvements in the freight market for certain trades were noticed, it is not possible on the basis of these indications to conclude that the shipping Industry has shown signs of improvement and recovery.

Extra Departmental Employees in the Postal Department

1896. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Savoor Committee regarding Extra Departmental Agents/Employees in Postal Department;

(b) which of them have been accepted, rejected or modified by Government;

(c) what are the average working hours per day of the Extra Departmental Agents; and

(d) what are their zonewise numbers and how many of them are engaged in other jobs also to earn their livelihood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Savoor Committee has made 171 recommendations concerning Extra-Departmental Agents/Employees. The over all position containing all the recommendations of the Committee, acceptance or other-wise of each of the recommendations, with reasons for non-acceptance and action taken on accepted recommendations is under compilation and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) On an average Extra-Departmental Agents work for 2 to 5 hours per day;

(d) Circle-wise numbers as on 31-3-86 are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below). All Extra Departmental Agents are permitted to have other jobs to earn their livelihood. Records of details in this regard are not kept by the Department.

Statement

Total Number of Extra-Departmental Employees Circle-wise as on 31-3-1986

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Title Nos E.D. employees
1	Andhra Circle	30438
2	Bihar	22248
3	Delhi	516
4	Gujarat	17262
5	Jammu and Kashmir	3121
6	Karnataka	17481
7	Kerala	12482
8	Madhya Pradesh	23788
9	Maharashtra	23605
10	North western Circle (present Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh)	16969
11	North Eastern	12201
12	Orissa	17766
13	Rajasthan	16293
14	Tamil Nadu	25442
15	Uttar Pradesh	37945
16	West Bengal Circle	21485
	GRAND TOTAL	2,99,042

पोस्टमैन संवर्ग और समूह (घ) के संवर्ग में रिक्त स्थान

1987. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश के विभिन्न मंडलों में पोस्टमैन संवर्ग और समूह (घ) के संवर्ग में कितने कितने रिक्त स्थान हैं और 31 दिसम्बर, 1987 तक कितनी रिक्तियां हो जाएंगी ;

(ख) विभिन्न मंडलों में तीन वर्ष से अधिक समय से कार्य कर रहे विभागेत्तर कर्मचारियों की कुल संख्या कितनी है ; और

(ग) सरकार इन विभागेत्तर कर्मचारियों को पोस्टमैन और समूह (घ) कर्मचारियों के रिक्त पदों पर नियमित करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?